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PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 24

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Two BRASS KNOB Missions, [REDACTED]
Preliminary analysis of aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

A total of 13 BEAGLE/MASCOT, including 6 completed, one complete except for engines, one minus engines and possibly with wings separated from the fuselage, one fuselage with wings attached, 2 fuselages with wings removed, and 2 fuselages with no subassemblies attached. Twenty fuselage crates can be identified. A comparison with the condition of these aircraft on the [REDACTED] coverage indicates that they are being disassembled.

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2. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

No aircraft observed on cloud-free portions of photography. Eight BEAGLE fuselage crates, including one possible, are noted. The 3-gun AAA site approximately 1,000 yds east of the NE end of the runway is occupied. No apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]

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3. HAVANA PORT

Vessels in the harbor include 30 freighters, 19 coastal freighters, 2 PF, 4 PC, and numerous small craft. Loading or unloading cannot be determined. The concentration of 400 vehicles is still present at the south end of the harbor. No apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]

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4. MATANZAS PORT

One cargo vessel and one Siboney-class PC are at Dubrocq pier. Unidentified crates are stacked on the pier, but it cannot be determined if the vessel is loading or unloading. Additional craft in port include one cargo vessel at Armour pier, one small tanker at Texas pier, and one small tanker anchored in the bay.

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5. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Vessels include 7 KOMOR-class PGMG, one PF, 4 PT, one PF [REDACTED] 4 trawlers, and approximately 11 smaller craft. Four fuel trailers with prime movers are at Mariel City Pier, 12 missile erectors are at La Boca Pier, and numerous vehicles/equipment are at Punta Regia. No unusual activity on access roads.

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6. CAIBARIEN PORT

No large vessels are present. Only 4 concrete arches are now present in the rail yard. No mines, harbor nets, or military defenses were noted. No apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]

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7. CARDENAS PORT

Two small unidentified vessels and numerous small craft in harbor. No apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]

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8. CASILDA PORT

No large vessels observed. No apparent change in port facilities since [REDACTED]

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9. CIENFUEGOS PORT

No vessels observed due to heavy clouds.

10. ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP

Approximately 60 large tents and an undetermined number of medium and small tents are noted in the area. Numerous vehicles/equipment throughout the area. No other apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]

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11. HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Approximately 120 medium and small tents and 61 large tents are observed in the area. Forty-five tanks and approximately 110 other vehicles are noted. The 6-gun AAA site appears occupied, but the status of the 9-gun AAA site is undetermined. No apparent change in the installation one nm NNE of the military camp since [REDACTED]

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12. REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

One building appears to be finished, one is half finished, and the other 10 are still in early stages of construction. The AAA site is occupied. The tanks, SP guns, probable FROG launchers and transporters, and other vehicles noted previously are still present. All other facilities appear unchanged.

13. SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, TANK PARK

Five or six possible tanks are visible. Obliquity precludes further identification of tanks.

14. LAS VILLAS, SEARCH AREA

No apparent change since [REDACTED]

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STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] is complete. Results are being published in NPIC/R-1112/62 and NPIC/R-1113/62.

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